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GERY COLOMBO, et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR )  
AUTOMATING TREADMILL )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, it is requested that the following amendments be entered.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 1-18 as follows.

1. (Amended) Apparatus for treadmill training of walking-disabled patients, comprising a treadmill, a relief mechanism for the patient, and a driven orthotic device, wherein means for stabilizing the orthotic device are provided that prevent the patient from tipping forward, backward and sideward; (that the) orthotic device consists of a hip orthotic device and two leg parts, whereby two hip drives (are provided for) moving the hip orthotic device, and two knee drives are provided for moving the leg parts; (that hip orthotic device and leg parts are adjustable, whereby the leg parts are provided with cuffs which are